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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR MRS. VAN CLEVE

DOTA NO. 034-MS

1. TO ACTING GOVERNOR, PONAPE, AND ACTING GOVERNOR, TRUK.  
PLS PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO OTA DIRECTOR VAN CLEVE ON  
ARRIVAL PONAPE AND ON ARRIVAL TRUK.

2. RE OUR TELCON HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT READS: "THE  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$25,000,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A  
HEALTH CARE FACILITY ON GUAM AS AUTHORIZED BY PUBLIC LAW  
95-134. THE MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARIANAS (MCM), CON-  
STRUCTED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AGANA GUAM, BEGAN  
OPERATIONS IN JANUARY, 1977. THE OLD INFERIOR GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GMH) CONTINUED OPERATIONS  
CONCURRENTLY AND THE COMPETITION FOR PATIENTS RESULTED IN  
THE FAILURE OF MCM TO COVER OPERATING COSTS. BEGINNING IN  
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JANUARY 1978, THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BEGAN OPERATING  
THE NEW MCM UNDER A LEASE ARRANGEMENT AND DISCONTINUED  
ACUTE-CARE CASES AT GMH. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HAS PRO-  
POSED A PLAN TO PURCHASE MCM AS AN ACUTE-CARE CENTER AND  
WITH MINIMAL RENOVATIONS TO CONVERT GMH INTO A LONG-TERM  
CARE CENTER. THE COMMITTEE THINKS THIS APPROACH WILL PRO-  
VIDE FOR THE TOTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND

MORE ECONOMICALLY THAN BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL. THE COMMITTEE UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER PURCHASE OF THE HOSPITAL, AND WILL CONSIDER FURTHER APPROPRIATIONS IF SUMS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR SUCH EXPENSES. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THESE FUNDS BE SPENT PURSUANT TO A PLAN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARIES OF INTERIOR AND HEW. THIS PLAN SHOULD SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WOULD BE SPENT AND THE CONDITIONS RELATIVE TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS THE SECRETARIES DEEM APPROPRIATE. THE GRANT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRE- AND POST-AWARD MONITORING."

&. THE SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE GUAM \$15,000,000 AND THE HOSPITAL STATES: "THE LEVEL RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE DELETES HOUSE INCREASE TOTALING \$15,000,000 FOR ASSISTANCE TO GUAM. INCREASES WERE PARTLY FOR TYPHOON REHABILITATION AND PARTLY FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN THIS BILL FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID AWARDED TO GUAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1976 AMOUNTS TO \$37.4 MILLION, AND IN FISCAL YEAR 1977 THE TOTAL ROSE TO \$54.6 MILLION. MOST OF THESE GRANTS REQUIRED NO MATCHING SHARE FROM GUAM. THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A SOUND FISCAL PROGRAM FOR GUAM THAT DOES NOT RELY ON EVER-INCREASING FEDERAL FUNDING. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS IN THE HOUSE

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ALLOWANCE OF \$25,000,000 FOR PURCHASE OF A MODERN HEALTH CARE FACILITY ON GUAM, FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE ON GUAM AS THE MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARIANAS. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO PURCHASE THE MEDICAL CENTER AND USE THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE \$25,000,000 BE DISBURSED PURSUANT TO A PLAN FOR EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT TO BE APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE. THIS PLAN SHALL SPECIFY THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT AND INCLUDE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS RELATIVE TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. THIS GRANT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRE- AND POST-AWARD MONITORING."

4. FYI, THE V.I. \$14 MILLION IS IN BOTH VERSIONS.

5. NEW SUBJECT: WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY HOUSING, URGE YOU TO CONSIDER INSTEAD PERMANENT HOUSING MODELED AFTER THE ENEWETAK HOUSING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS PERMANENT, TYPHOON PROOF,

TERMITE PROOF, AND SHOULD BE READY TO BE BUILT WITH  
MINIMUM OF DELAY. DESIGNS ARE COMPLETED. I UNDERSTAND  
SOME BIKINIANS HAVE SEEN MODELS OF THE ENEWETAK HOUSES  
AND REPORTEDLY LIKE THEM. IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR BIKINI/  
KILI DELEGATION TO VISIT ENEWETAK FOR FIRST-HAND INSPEC-  
TION OF ACTUAL HOUSES. I UNDERSTAND THE CONSTRUCTION  
METHOD IS SUCH THAT THEY CAN BE BUILT WITH MINIMUM OF  
HEAVY EQUIPMENT. IF AGREEABLE TO ALL CONCERNED, IT WOULD  
AVOID THE PROBLEM WE DISCUSSED OF PERMANENCE OF  
TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION COULD START SOON  
AFTER THE FIRST OF THE FISCAL YEAR. YOU MAY WISH TO  
DISCUSS THIS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WITH HICOM.  
GEORGE MILNER, ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL  
AFFAIRS SENDS. VANCE  
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